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Applicant:	THOMPSON ET AL.	Examiner:	UNKNOWN
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:



With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

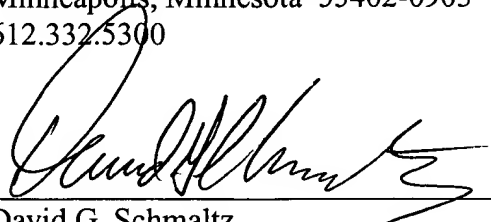
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,279,546	01/18/1994	Mische et al.			
	5,571,086	11/05/1996	Kaplan et al.			
	5,755,708	05/26/1998	Segal			
	6,129,700	10/10/2000	Fitz			
	6,159,228	12/12/2000	Frid et al.			
	6,190,393 B1	02/20/2001	Bevier et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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